

**Minutes
Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting**

The Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation met in Special session on Monday, April 27, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas. The following CCIDC Members were present:

President	-	Bruce Tesch
Vice President	-	Andy Nunmaker - via telephone
Treasurer	-	Dwain Dungen – via telephone
Secretary	-	Larry Solansky - via telephone
Board Member	-	Daniel Pore (Absent)
Board Member	-	Chuck Hall – via telephone
Board Member	-	Michael Ridlen
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
Assistant City Secretary	-	Dinah Jacobs

1. Call to Order.

President Bruce Tesch called the CCIDC meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were led by President Bruce Tesch.

3. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.

Billy Kahn was signed in to speak on specific agenda items.

Tesch adjourned the special meeting at 5:04 p.m.

4. Public Hearing on the COVID-19 Utility Assistance Grant Program.

Tesch opened the public hearing at 5:04 p.m.

Tesch asked if there was anyone that wished to speak. There were no comments.

Tesch closed the public hearing at 5:05 p.m.

Tesch reopened the special meeting at 5:05 p.m.

5. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding the COVID-19 Utility Assistance Grant Program.

Tesch spoke individually to each member about \$50,000 to possibly be used from the Infrastructure account for the grants. He felt it should be a simple application, granting \$300 for non essential businesses and \$150 for essential businesses. The funds would be applied to their utility bill with the City.

Dwain Dungen questioned how we would know who was essential and who was non-essential.

Michael Ridlen stated that he would like to propose that if a business was considered non-essential at any point, they be designated as non-essential for the entire time period.

Tesch replied the City has a list that City Manager Donald Warschak and Police Chief Edman used during the time period of closing businesses that were considered non-essential. Tesch stated this would also only apply to businesses within the city limits.

Billy Kahn asked if this was paying for City utilities or electric as well. His second question was how this was going to be promoted.

Tesch replied this would be for only city services – water, sewer, gas, trash. He went on to say there would be an ad in the newspaper, an ad on the radio, as well as information on the city website.

Chuck Hall asked if there was a start date.

Tesch replied the City Council has to have two readings of the resolution. Once that happens, then anyone could apply through June 1st.

Kahn asked if this would be retroactive to March/April. Tesch replied they will either get \$150 or \$300.

Kahn stated, so it is a credit? Tesch replied yes, a credit on their City account applied to their utility charges for city services.

Andy Nunmaker, via telephone, made a motion to approve the COVID-19 Utility Assistance Grant Program as presented. Michael Ridlen, seconded the motion. The roll call vote, via telephone, was as follows:

Ayes: Nunmaker, Solansky, Dungen, Hall, and Ridlen
Absent: Pore

The motion passed.

6. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding the Budget Adjustment to move \$50,000 from the Park Infrastructure Development Fund to the Community Development Grant Fund for the COVID-19 Utility Assistance Grant Program.

Michael Ridlen made a motion to approve the moving of \$50,000 from Park Infrastructure to the Community Development Grant Fund as presented. Dwain Dungen, via telephone, seconded the motion. The roll call vote, via telephone, was as follows:

Ayes: Nunmaker, Solansky, Dungen, Hall, and Ridlen
Absent: Pore

The motion passed.

7. Executive Session: In accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 consultations with attorney, Subchapter D, Section 551.072 deliberation regarding real property and Section 551.087 deliberation regarding economic development.

This item was not needed.

8. Reconvene into Special Session and Consideration and Action, if any, regarding Executive Session, deliberations regarding real property and economic development.

This item was not needed.

9. Discussion of items to be placed on future agendas and announcements.²

Tesch asked everyone to continue to stay safe during this time.

There were no other items or announcements.

13. Adjournment.

With no further discussion or comments, Tesch adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

President:



Attest
Secretary:

